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Containing the freſheſt Advices Foreign and Domeſtick.

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Quid, de quoque viro, & cui dicas, ſæpe videto. Hor.

To the PUBLISHER.

SIR,

NOT being ſo expert a Scribbler, as thoſe you are concern'd with, I pretend not to ſend you the Efforts of my own Pen, yet, I expect you to inſert what follows, which I have taken from a Writer, whom I wou'd adviſe your good Friends to endeavour (if they can) to imitate; if 'tis ſo bad with 'em, that they can't poſſibly get the better of their *Cacoethes ſcribendi.*

*** *Yours*, &c. HONESTUS.

'REPUTATION, which is the Portion of every Man, who wou'd live with the elegant, and knowing part of Mankind, is as ſtable as Glory, if it be as well founded; and the common Cauſe of human Society is thought concern'd, when we hear a Man, of good Behaviour, calumniated: Beſides which, according to a prevailing Cuſtom among us, every Man has his Defence in his own Arm; and Reproach is ſoon check'd, put out of Countenance, and overtaken by Diſgrace.

'The moſt unhappy of all Men, and the moſt expoſed to the Malignity or Wantonneſs of the common Voice, is the Trader. Credit is undone in Whiſpers. The Tradeſmen's Wound is received from one, who is more private, and more cruel than the Ruffian with the Lanthorn and Dagger.

'The Manner of repeating a Man's Name, *As, Mr.* Caſh, *oh! do you leave your Money at his Shop?---- Why, do you know Mr.* Searoom? *he is indeed a general Merchant.*

'I ſay, I have ſeen, from the Iteration of a Man's Name, hiding one Thought of him, and explaining what you hide, by ſaying ſomething to his Advantage when you ſpeak, a Merchant hurt in his Credit; and him who, every Day he lived, literally added to the Value of his native Country, undone by One, who was only a Burthen and a Blemiſh to it. Since every Body, who knows the World, is ſenſible of this great Evil, how careful ought a Man to be in his Language of a Merchant? It may poſſibly be in the Power of a very ſhallow Creature, to lay the Ruin of the beſt Family in the moſt opulent City; and the more ſo, the more highly he deſerves of his Country; that is to ſay, the farther he places his Wealth out of his Hands, to draw home that of another Climate.

'In this Caſe, an ill Word may change Plenty into Want, and by a raſh Sentence a free and generous Fortune may in a few Days be reduced to Beggary.

'How little does a giddy Prater imagine, that an idle Phraſe to the Diſavour of a Merchant, may be as pernicious in the Conſequence, as the Forgery of a Deed to bar an Inheritance would be to a Gentleman. Land ſtands where it did, before a Gentleman was calumniated, and the State of a Great Action is juſt as it was, before Calumny was offer'd to dimniſh it, and there is Time, Place, and Occaſion expected to unravel all that is contrived againſt thoſe Characters; but the Trader, who is ready only for probable Demands upon him, can have no Armour againſt the Inquiſitive, the Malicious, and the Envious, who are prepared to fill the Cry to his Diſhonour. Fire and Sword are ſlow Engines of Deſtruction, in Compariſon of the Babbler in the Caſe of the Merchant,

'For this Reaſon, I thought it an imitable piece of Humanity of a Gentleman of my Acquaintance, who had great Variety of Affairs, and uſed to talk with warmth enough againſt Gentlemen by whom he thought himſelf ill dealt with; that he would never let any thing be urged againſt a Merchant (with whom he had any difference) except in a Court of Juſtice.

'He uſed to ſay, that to ſpeak ill of a Merchant, was to begin his Suit with Judgment and Execution. One cannot, I think, ſay more on this Occaſion, than to repeat, That the Merit of the Merchant is above that of all other Subjects; for while he is untouch'd

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'in his Credit, his Hand-writing is a more 'portable Coin for the Service of his Fellow-'Citizens, and his Word the Gold of *Ophir* 'in the Country wherein he reſides.

To the PUBLISHER.

SIR,

FINDING (with no ſmall Concern) that my Letter has been miſconſtrued into *particular perſonal Reflections*, I deſire you'll do me the Juſtice to make it known, that I moſt ſolemnly declare, *it was not ſo intended.*

Ill ſhould I anſwer the Care and Tuition of ſo good a Father, ſhould I once debaſe my ſelf ſo meanly, as with the Guilt of *perſonal Scandal.* No, Sir, be aſſured, I as much abhor to give it, as to deſerve it.

And, ſince ill Conſtructions are ſo ready at hand, I think you'll do well to ſuppreſs the two Letters from *Anonymus* and *Juba*, which you thout fit to ſend me to peruſe; for ſince the firſt Deſign is taken in this Light, whatever follows, may be view'd in a worſe.

And, tho' the Fault, for which I'm now cenſur'd, be but an imaginary one, 'twill be a ſufficient Hint to me to avoid giving occaſion, even for the leaſt Imputation, of this Kind, for the Future.

And, whoever it happens to be, that is now offended, tho' undeſignedly, I am not aſhamed, thus publickly to ask Pardon, with a certain Promiſe, not to offend more. Yet, for the Heart of me, I can't forbear wiſhing, that the *Example*, in this particular, may be of more Force, than the well meant *Precepts* of

MARTIA.

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That you mayn't have it in your Power to publiſh the abovemention'd Letters, and ſince they chiefly concern'd myſelf, I've taken the Liberty to burn 'em; tho' 'twas with ſome Reluctance I ſerv'd that ſo, which was ſign'd *Anonymus.* As to your Correſpondent *Rattle* I think him not worth my Notice, and ſhall only obſerve, that his *Name* and his *Sentiments* are of a Piece.

N. B. The Bills that were enclos'd in one of the ſaid Letters, will be return'd, if the ſame Perſon, is ſent for them to the Printer, who brought the Letter.

To the Author *of the* Gazette,

SIR,

AS I am a great Friend, and Well-wiſher to your *Undertaking*, ſo I would, by no means, ſee ſo laudable a *One* miſcarry; while we have, among us, Writers of Senſe, and ſo expeditious a Way of conveying it to the Publick.

Tis for this Reaſon, I take leave to addreſs you in this Manner. And you muſt pardon me, if, out of the Abundance of an *honeſt Heart*, I tell you of a Fault, which, if not amended, may perhaps defeat the *good Intentions*, with which you ſeem'd at firſt to ſet out. When you not only promiſed the *Utile dulci* to your Readers, in your ſubſequent Papers, but likewiſe recommended to your future Correſpondents, to avoid giving *Offence*, either *publick* or *private.*

I repeat not this Admonition of yours, as if you had been guilty of it yourſelf. But, you muſt give me leave to ſay, your *Paper*, of *Saturday laſt*, tended to lay a Foundation for a *private Conteſt.* And I leave you to judge, whether *That* mayn't terminate in a *publick Offence.*

Cenſure is a Tribute all Men muſt pay for being *conſpicuous.* This is a Maxim of ſo long ſtanding, and advanced by ſo good an Author, that, I doubt not, but you're acquainted with it. It then becomes part of the *Contract*, between the *Publick* and *You.* And is what you're as much to expect, as the *Printer* his *Quarterly Payments* from his *Subſcribers.* Does it then *become* a *Writer*, who has generouſly offer'd to *divert* and *improve* the *Publick* by *Eſſays*, under ſuch proper *Reſtrictions*, as he himſelf has propoſed, ſo far to deviate from 'em himſelf, as to omit the many uſeful Subjects, that daily offer themſelves, for the Sake of taking Notice of ſome *impertinent Animadverſions* on his own Writings, that were, perhaps, made in a *Punch-houſe?* much leſs to *characterize* the Perſon, who made 'em, in the Manner you have done. Beſides ----*Id curat populus ſcilicet*, ſays *Terence.* What is it to the *Publick*, whether the Utterer of thoſe bright Reflections, be a *Gameſter*, *Drunkard*, or any other polite vitious Man? Here your *Utile dulci* fails, And, as the Perſon you thus ſtigmatize, may perhaps be conſcious, how truly he *merits* the *Character*, yet he may imagine himſelf of Conſideration enough, to be vindicated in as publick a Manner. The Conſequence of which, I leave to *yourſelf.*

I wou'dn't have you think, that I'm for baniſhing *true Satyr* from your Lucubrations. No, that is a Mirrour from whoſe Reflection, proceed Inſtruction, and Amendment. But then, the better to conceal the Dagger under her Garment, let Smiles be ever playing in her Countenance. No perſonal Altercations muſt compoſe any part of her Retinue, and the *Coat* muſt at leaſt fit a *Hundred*, before *One* will wear it.

You'll pardon this Freedom, and be aſſured, it comes from one, no otherwiſe concern'd in any part of the Diſpute, thaft as being anxious for the Good of the Publick.

Gooſe-Creek, Jan. 24, 1731.

Your very humble Servant

PUBLICOLA.

We acknowledge ourſelves extremely obliged to *Publicola*, for his candid Admonition, tho' we can't think ourſelves in much Danger of *pointing* out the Perſon hinted at, in relation to Gaming, while that *ſhabby Coat* will fit ſo *Many.*

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Yet, ſince this Reproof comes (ſeemingly) from ſo generous a Cenſor, we ſhall (after the Example of our Fair Correſpondent above) ſtudy to incur no more of 'em. And we ſhall be glad to be further inſtructed by this our kind Correſpondent, in what Manner we muſt behave ourſelves, when (as *Johnny Gay* ſays)

If you mention Vice or Bribe,
'Tis ſo pat to all the Tribe,
Each cries---- that was levell'd at me.

The Letter from *Agricola* ſhall be inſerted in our next.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Marſeilles, Sept. 8. Here are arrived the Ships of Joſ. de la Chappelle from Amſterdam, and Ant. Bourgarel, Capt. la Touch, and Pet. Rebecq, from Cadiz. The laſt took up at Sea, and brought hither, 8 or 10 Seamen belonging to the la Flore, Capt. Quenerel, which in her Paſſage hither from Cadiz, ſprung a Leak 30 or 40 Miles from Port Louis, and ſunk: The Captain and 3 or 4 others betook themſelves to their Boat; but it was very much apprehended that they are loſt. The Ship that ſunk had 60,000 pieces of Eight, and ſome Cocheneal and other Goods on board.

Copenhagen, Sept. 10. The Ship call'd the Moor, is return'd from Greenland, with all the Paſſengers which remain alive of thoſe ſent hence to People that Country, except one Clergyman of Bergen in Norway, whoſe Zeal has prompted him to ſtay there, purely to inſtruct the Inhabitants in the Principles of the Chriſtian Religion, whereof above 600 have already embraced Chriſtianity. The ſaid Veſſel has brought 2 Men and two Women, who choſe to forſake their native Climate.

Madrid, Octob. 4. The Count de Clavijo, who arrived at Cadiz the latter end of laſt Month, with 7 Men of War lately built in the Ports of Biſcay, was to ſail again the 2d Inſt. for Barcelona, to reinforce the King's Squadron commanded by the Marquis de Mari. That Squadron now conſiſts of the S. Philip, and Iſabella, of 80 Guns each; the Queen, S. Anne, Gallicia, Lyon, and Princeſs, of 70; the Conqueror, Cock, S. James, S. Iſidore, Guipuſcoa, Roboam, Caſtile, Andaluſia, Santa Tereſa, and Hercules of 60; the S. Francis Xavier, Eſtramadura, and Fame, of 50; our Lady of Attocha, 30; the Jupiter, and Death, of 16 Guns each; and 6 Galleys. They write from Barcelona, that the Troops deſigned for Italy were ready to embark.

LONDON, *Sept.* 15.

Laſt Saturday Night, the Corps of the late Rt. Hon. the Earl of Orrey, after having lain in ſtate in the Jeruſalem Chamber, was interred in Weſtminſter Abby, with great Funeral Pomp and Solemnity.

We hear that the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Aſhbournham will be made Capt. of the Yeomen of the Guard, in the Room of the Earl of Leiceſter, who was lately made Conſtable of the Tower.

Octob. 5. On Thurſday laſt died, after a ſhort Indiſpoſition, the Rt. Hon the Marquis of Graham and Earl of Belford, eldeſt Son to the Duke of Montroſs.

On Saturday laſt Mr. Alderman Child, was duly elected Lord Mayor of this City for the Year enſuing.

We hear that Notice has been ſent in Form to the Court of Heſſe Caſſel, for Diſcharging their 12,000 Soldiers out of the Britiſh Pay.

Edinburgh, Oct. 18. We hear the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Kelly, will ſoon be married to a Daughter of the late moſt eminent Phyſician Dr. Pitcarn.

Dublin, Oct. 12. Laſt Week the Rt. Hon. George Lord Sackville, Son to his Grace the Duke of Dorſet, entred as a Student in our Univerſity; and on Sunday went to Chapel in his Gown and Surplice, and dines in the Hall at the Head of the Fellows Table. It is ſaid the Provoſt and Dr. Whitcomb are his Lordſhips Tutors.

Boſton, Nov. 22. Yeſterday Morning died Mr. Jonathan Sewall a Merchant in this Town, as likewiſe Mr. Alexander Todd a Solicitor.

New-York, Nov. 29. On Saturday laſt in the Afternoon, the Ship Bever, Capt. Tho. Smith, arrived here, and by the publick Prints from London, we find that on the 4th of Sept. they had an Account of the Death of Gov. Montgomery; That Col. Paget (Brother to the Lord Paget) is moſt likely to have the Commiſſion for Gov. of New-York, and that Sir William Keith, late Gov, of Pennſylvania, is to be Governor of Eaſt and Weſt New-Jerſey.

Philadelphia, Dec. 9. We hear from Coopers-Creek in Weſt New-Jerſey, that there was a Houſe burnt down with three Children in it; the Man was gone from home, and the Woman to ſee a Neighbour about ſome Buſineſs, and had put the Children to Bed before ſhe went out.

We hear from Annapolis in Maryland, that Samuel Ogle, Eſq; Governor of that Province, arrived there on Thurſday laſt.

CHARLES-